(b) to (e) The information in this regard is very extensive and the time and effort required to compile it will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Production of Dexamethasone and its salts

1649. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dexamethasone and its salts are being produced in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of producers and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import price of bulk drug is much less than the foreign exchange spent in the production of drug;

(d) if so, what is the current CIF Value per gram of Dexamethasone and its salts and what is the value of foreign exchange involved in the production of each gram; and

(e) when and what was the price fixed for nidigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the organised sector, Dexamethasone is being produced by M/s. Merind and M/s. Cadila Labs. and the production during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 228 Kgs., 343 Kgs., and 472 Kgs respectively.

(c) and (d) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) The price fixed for Dexamethasone pure is Rs. 92 per gram and for Dexamethasone Sodium, Rs. 97 per gram w.e.f. 10-11-1989 for the indigenous production.

Findings of the Kelkar Committee

1650. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of omissions and commissions were found in the findings of the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such omissions and commissions have been identified so far; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to fix such responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A large number of representations for inclusion/exclusion of drugs from price control have been received mostly from Members of Parliament after the announcement of list of price controlled drugs based on Government decisions on the Kelkar Committee recommendations. These are under examination of the Government.

Prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst

1651. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHODWHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst as fixed by Government under DPCO, 1979 and what were the prices charged for these drugs by virtue of High Court Stay;

(b) whether it is a fact that recoverable amount of over Rs. 100 crores was reduced to merely Rupees three crores;

(c) whether Govenrment have taken any steps to investigate the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The information is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the bulk drug	Bulk Drug Price reckoned in the calculations of amounts overcharged by the Company	
		Govt's price Rs. per kg.	Company's price Rs. per Kg.
1.	Frusemide	1426.15	1641.47
2.	Phenramine Maleate	582.74	809.00 (Part) 847.02 (Part)
3.	Sterile PMT	2562.00	5063.29
4.	Glybenclamide	2458.00	9800.00
5.	Baralgon Ketone	1810.20	24735.38

(b) to (d) As per the Report of the Special Team, constituted by the Government in 1987, the amount recoverable from the Company for the period upto 31-12-83 was tentatively put at Rs. 4.58 crores. In view, however, of receipt of complaints of acts of omission and commission on the part of the Special Team, it was decided in early 1990, to review the recommendations of the Special Team and all the developments thereafter. As a resutl of that review, the revised tentative liability of the Company for the period upto 31-12-1983 went up to Rs. 24.91 crores. Subsequently, the tentative liability for the period after 1-1-1984 was also determined and it came to Rs. 52.90 crores. Thus the total recoverable amount, as already communicated to the Company, has been tentatively put at Rs. 77.81 crores. The company, however, filed Writ Petition in the Bombay High Court. The High Court vide its Order dated 8th March, 1991, has allowed M/s. Hoechst to withdraw the Petition and framed a time-bound programme under which the Government would hear the company and pass a Speaking Order.

Exemption of custom duty on M/s. Glaxo's imports

1652. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the monopoly imports of M/s. Glaxo on which custom duty has been exempted and what was the import of each product in terms of quantity and value during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company has overcharged the price of Zintac Tablets;

(c) if so, what was the price fixed and that overcharged;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this company is importing a number of drugs and finished medicines for which company is permited to produce indigenously; and

(e) if so, the names of drugs/finished medicines and what was the import of each drug during the last two years, year-wise, quantity-wise and value-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c) Imports of drugs by individual company is not monitored by this Ministry.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) M/s. Biotech Pharma manufactured and marketed Zinetec Tablets on behalf of M/s. Glaxo. M/s. Biotech Pharma charged the price of Rs. 27.88 and Rs. 53.77 against the price fixed as Rs. 19.00 and 36.86 per strip of 10 tablets of 150 mg and 300 mg respectively.